

October 18, 2004

RE: MB Docket No. 04-233

FCC
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to your proposal to expand Low Power FM (LPFM) services in a way which will take priority over current FM translator services.

I have been greatly blessed and, in fact, enriched by the ability to receive K-LOVE radio and Air-1 Radio in my travels in and around the Cincinnati area. I have been served greatly by listening to both stations. I believe that my community, as well as those surrounding the Cincinnati and Dayton areas would be irreparably harmed by the replacement of these stations with alternate programming on LPFM stations. I cannot be emphatic enough in my statement of this belief.

The music heard on both K-LOVE and Air-1 provides a vital and positive alternative to the messages heard on the other stations.

On a personal note, I was personally impacted by the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO. on April 20, 1999. Dear friends lost their niece, Rachel Joy Scott. She was planning on spending a portion of the following Summer with them in adjacent Middletown, OH. In more ways than you can imagine, I found comfort in the words and music broadcast commercial free from my local K-LOVE Station. Similarly, I lost an old High School friend in the World Trade Tower tragedy of September 11, 2001. Again on K-LOVE, I found a peace and comfort found no place else on the public airwaves. The programming found on K-LOVE was able to help me through both losses. I pray that you will not interfere with such a powerful public service.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Dugan